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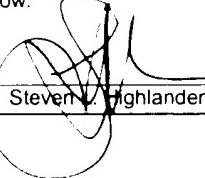
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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Val. C. SHEFFIELD *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/612,809

Filed: July 10, 2000

For: THERAPEUTICS AND DIAGNOSTICS
FOR CONGENITAL HEART DISEASE
BASED ON A NOVEL HUMAN
TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR

Group Art Unit: 1636

Examiner: SCHARWTZMAN, R.

Atty. Dkt. No.: IOWA:042USD1/SLH

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on August 21, 2001, which a response is due on February 21, 2002. A Petition for Extension of Time is enclosed, along with the appropriate fee. It is believed that no other fees are due; however, should applicants' check be missing, or any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to this document, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/10015902/SLH. Please amend the application as follows.